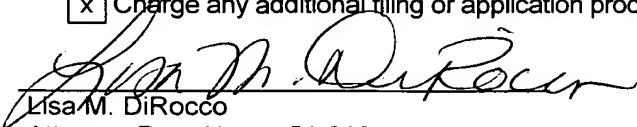
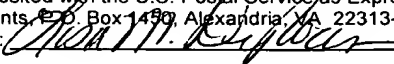


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Invention: CORYNEBACTERIUM GLUTAMICUM GENES ENCODING PROTEINS INVOLVED IN MEMBRANE SYNTHESIS AND MEMBRANE TRANSPORT					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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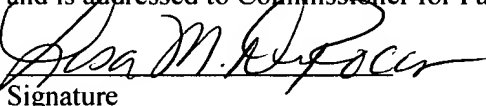
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to an Office communication mailed June 26, 2003. A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.